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SUBJECT: EXPANDING AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST CONTACTS WITH EGYPTIAN

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SOCIALISTS

1. DELEGATION FROM EGYPT'S ARAB SOCIALIST UNION, LED BY EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER RIFAAT AL MAHGOUB, BEGAN ONE WEEK VISIT TO AUSTRIA JANUARY 25. SCHEDULE INCLUDES TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY, TRADE UNION FEDERATION PRESIDENT BENYA AND OTHER SOCIALIST PARTY LEADERS AS WELL AS VISITS TO STATE-OWNED STEEL WORKS, HYDROELECTRIC INSTALLATION AND MAJOR ALPINE TUNNEL PROJECT.

2. COMMENT: VISIT IS LATEST IN SERIES OF BROADENING CONTACTS BETWEEN AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AND SOCIALIST PARTY LEADERS AND THEIR EGYPTIAN COUNTERPARTS IN WHICH AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY DESCRIBED, BY THEMSELVES AND EGYPTIANS, AS SUBJECTS FOR EGYPTIAN EMULATION IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY FIELDS. SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH EGYPTIAN SOCIALISTS SEEMS ALSO DESIGNED TO SHOW PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES TO BE DERIVED FROM LINKS BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND ARAB SOCIALISTS, WHICH CHANCELLOR KREISKY HAS BEEN PROMOTING WITH TRIPS TO ARAB STATES ON BEHALF OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. FURTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS DESIRE OF AUSTRIANS TO PROMOTE THEIR OWN ECONOMIC INTEREST IN CERTAIN EGYPTIAN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, WITH WHICH PLANNED VISITS TO AUSTRIAN STEEL WORKS, HYDROELECTRIC INSTALLATION AND TUNNEL PROJECT NOTED IN PARA 1 APPEAR TO BE RELATED. BUCHANAN

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